

# MONTANA PROTOCOL FOR RESPONSE TO EARLY DETECTION OF DREISSENID MUSSELS

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## VERIFY

**PURPOSE:** Confirm suspected identification of the Dreissenid species.

**LEAD:** FWP

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## INITIAL NOTIFICATION

**PURPOSE:** Ensure that all parties that have jurisdiction in response decisions are informed of a suspect or positive identification within 48 hours.

**LEAD:** FWP

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## ACTIVATE MUSSEL RESPONSE INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM

**PURPOSE:** Activate the Mussel Response Incident Command Team to lay the ground work for coordination, communication and on the ground response.

**LEAD:** FWP, response team

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## BASIN INTERAGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

**PURPOSE:** Activate a response that promotes information sharing, ensures efficient resource management, and supports on-scene management.

**LEAD:** Response team and CRB MAC Group

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## DEFINE EXTENT OF INFESTATION (MAY OCCUR CONCURRENTLY WITH OBJECTIVES 6 AND 7).

**PURPOSE:** Establish physical range of infestation.

**LEAD:** Response team

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## ESTABLISH EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

**PURPOSE:** Ensure consistent and effective communication to external stakeholders, including the media and public.

**LEAD:** FWP, response team

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## PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD

**PURPOSE:** Minimize spread along all pathways.

**LEAD:** FWP, response team

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## INITIATE AVAILABLE/RELEVANT CONTROL MEASURES

**PURPOSE:** Proceed with either Early Detection / Rapid Response (EDRR) eradication efforts or containment / mitigation activities.

**LEAD ENTITY:** FWP, response team

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## RESPONSE CONCLUSION IF ICS IS INITIATED

**PURPOSE:** Establish continuity with local managers to transition from a response scenario to ongoing monitoring and management.

**LEAD:** Response team

*A supplement to the Columbia River Basin Rapid Response Plan and the Montana Dreissenid Mussel Rapid Response Plan*



Flathead Basin Commission Alberta field trials in 2014 with the dog/handler team from Working Dogs for Conservation.

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## TYPES OF MUSSELS



Quagga



Zebra